

## ***Chapter 4: Mitigation Commitments***

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### **Design Phase Commitments**

- The City will work with individual affected property owners to reach agreement on fair compensation for acquired properties. The City will provide relocation assistance as requested by property owners.
- The City will conduct a detailed inventory of the trees to be removed and document their species and type according to the City's Tree Protection regulations (CDG 20D.80.20). Any trees lost will be replaced according to these regulations.
- The City will employ a qualified biologist to perform the following work:
  - Biological survey and completion of a Biological Evaluation/Assessment for compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.
  - Additional nest surveys, to identify the presence of raptors and other migratory bird nests for compliance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and Redmond policies on protecting critical habitat (CDG 20D.140.10-070).
- The City will work with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the East Lake Washington Audubon Society to develop a Wildlife Mitigation Plan to mitigate potential vegetation and habitat loss. This will include restrictions on construction activity during the heron breeding season (see the following *Construction Phase Commitments* section) and procedures for monitoring heron activity. Evaluation of "Option C" and removal of sidewalks near the heron rookery will continue.
- The City will employ a qualified cultural resource specialist to conduct an archaeological and historic survey of the alignment and evaluate any properties found. The City will consult with the Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation to determine the significance of any sites in the project area and to determine appropriate mitigation measures. This work will be conducted in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- The City will conduct a Phase I Initial Site Assessment to identify known or potential sources of hazardous materials contamination in the project area. Identified sources of contamination will be remediated as required either prior to or as part of the construction phase.
- The City will develop a Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control (TESC) Plan to control excess runoff and sedimentation at the construction site.
- The City will obtain the appropriate environmental permits identified on the Fact Sheet at the beginning of this document.
- The City will work with appropriate utility providers to locate and relocate, if necessary, any existing overhead or subsurface utilities. Design of the new stormwater system and any other required new utilities will be done in conjunction with the appropriate City and County authorities.
- The City will complete landscaping, lighting, and signing plans with input from the public on visual elements.
- The City will perform additional intersection analyses to determine the need for traffic signals.

## Construction Phase Commitments

- Construction will not occur during the heron breeding season, February 15 through July 31 (or as determined through field observation). The City will perform routine monitoring of the heron colony during construction to determine whether construction activity causes any disturbances to the colony.
- The City and its contractor(s) will implement Temporary Erosion and Sediment Controls (TESCs) in accordance with Volume II of the 2001 Ecology *Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington* (Washington Department of Ecology, 2001). The City will ensure that Best Management Practices (BMPs) are implemented during construction to control the release of pollutants into surface water.
- The City and its contractor(s) will adhere to BMPs to ensure compliance with all Puget Sound Clean Air Agency requirements regarding fugitive dust from construction projects.
- The City and its contractor(s) will comply with all Department of Ecology restrictions on construction noise and employ BMPs where feasible to limit construction noise.
- The City will develop a Traffic Control Plan to maintain traffic circulation during construction. This Plan will include any required detours or closures, indicate methods of informing the public of these detours and closures, and discuss measures to ensure appropriate safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. Emergency routes through construction areas for police and fire personnel and transit vehicle access to bus zones will be provided at all times.
- The location of construction staging areas, materials stockpiling sites, or other construction-related activities that occur in areas outside the scope of this SEIS will require separate environmental documentation and clearance.
- All areas disturbed during construction will be reseeded with an appropriate seed mix upon completion of construction activity.
- Utility customers will be given advance notification of any utility service disruptions.